

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/730,694

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/24/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Scott on April 13, 2007.
3. Cancel claims 1-4 and 12-25.
4. The examiner's amendment has been made in order to place this application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. **Claims 5-11 are allowed.**
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claim 5, the prior art fails to teach a method enabling navigation in a content space, comprising the steps of: receiving first and second message digests, wherein the message digests identify first and second computer files, respectively, receiving indication that the second computer file is a later version of the first computer file, creating mapping table, creating descriptor file based on the first message digest and indication of the mapping table and creating third message digest of the descriptor file, and using this third message to navigate through content space.

Please note that the term " message digest" has a specific meaning in the art, and is further defined in the specification, on page 10, lines 26-31.

As to claims 6-11, those claims are allowed by the virtue of their dependency on claim 5.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

The Prior Art

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- **Hussam (US Publication 2003/0050927)** discloses the system wherein the document can be edited by plural experts and a user, and further wherein this information can be arranged in a form of table, and then used to search a content space for matching documents. This prior art however does not teach using message digest of the corresponding documents.
- **Hung et al (US Publication 2004/0107214)** disclose a customized document portfolio system integrating IP libraries and technology

documents, wherein the corresponding versions of a document are synchronized for easier search.

- **Brelín et al (US Patent 6810446)** disclose a system and method for navigating and deleting descriptors, wherein descriptors are related with respect to each other in hierarchical structure.

Inquiry

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela M. Lie whose telephone number is 571-272-8445. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on 571-272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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